

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

Pickens County is considering applying to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for a grant of up to \$500,000. The grant is available under the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant program and must be used to benefit primarily low and moderate-income people.

The activities for which these funds may be used are in the areas of housing, public facilities and economic development. More specific details regarding eligible activities, plans to assist displaced persons (if applicable) and the estimated amount of funds proposed to be used for activities to benefit low and moderate income people and the rating system will be provided at a public hearing. The public hearing is to be held at 12:00 (noon), March 19, 2014 in the conference room at the Pickens County Administrative Building at 1266 E. Church Street in Jasper, GA.

The purpose of the hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application and to review progress on any previous or existing CDBG projects (if applicable). The completed application will be available for public review at the commissioners' office after April 1, 2014.

Pickens County is committed to providing all persons with equal access to its services, programs, activities, education and employment regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability or age.

Persons with special needs relating to handicapped transportation needs or foreign language interpretation may contact Deborah Watson by 4:00 p.m. on March 17, 2014. This person can be reached at (706) 253-8817, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons with hearing disabilities can call the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0056 (TDD) or 1-800-255-0135 (voice).

***In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Pickens County does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the administration or operation of its programs.***

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